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**Fowler Hamilton Reported
Choice as Head of C. I. A.**

Special to The New York Times.

WASHINGTON, July 30 — Fowler Hamilton, a New York lawyer with a long record of Government service, was reported tonight to be strongly favored by the White House to succeed Allen W. Dulles as director of the Central Intelligence Agency.

Reached by telephone at his home in Greenwich, Conn., Mr. Hamilton said:

"I would suppose that any announcement in such matters must come from the White House."

Mr. Dulles declined to comment on the report.

It was learned here that Mr. Hamilton had conferred with President Kennedy recently and had been sounded out about the post.

The 50-year-old lawyer, a native of Kansas City, Mo., has the active support of Senator Stuart Symington of Missouri and some other Democrats in Congress. Mr. Hamilton served as special counsel to a Symington subcommittee that investigated in 1956 whether the United States was holding its own in the air power race with the Soviet Union.

The magazine Newsweek reported that Mr. Hamilton definitely had been chosen, would soon move into C. I. A. headquarters and would take over from Mr. Dulles in October. Sources here did not go quite

so far, but agreed that a successor would be named by late September, and that Mr. Hamilton now appeared to be the man.

Mr. Hamilton is a member of the law firm of Cleary, Gottlieb, Steen & Hamilton, at 52 Wall Street, with offices also in Paris and Brussels. He is a director of the New York Telephone Company.

Former Rhodes Scholar

A graduate of the University of Missouri, Mr. Hamilton is also a former Rhodes scholar at Oxford. A Democrat, he joined the Justice Department in 1938 as a special assistant to the Attorney General, directing its war frauds unit in 1942.

For the next three years, Mr. Hamilton was active in intelligence work, as chief of the enemy branch of the Board of Economic Warfare and as a member of the Joint Intelligence Staff, and the Strategic Bombing Target Committee. For a time, he served in the China-Burma-India theatre, helping to choose bombing targets.

Later, he became chief legal counsel to the Justice Department, successfully prosecuting an anti-trust suit that required Pullman, Inc., to divorce its manufacturing from its car-servicing operations.

Mr. Hamilton had a fleeting encounter with espionage in 1949, when he was appointed by Federal Judge Simon H. Rifkind to defend Valentin A. Gubitchev, a Russian employee of the United Nations who had been indicted on spy charges. Gubitchev rejected his services.

Mr. Hamilton lives at Round Hill Road, Greenwich, with his wife, the former Helen K. Miller. They have two daughters and a son.

Mr. Dulles has been director of the agency since 1953. One of President Kennedy's first acts after his election was to announce that he would be retained in that post.

The President-elect noted that Mr. Dulles had served every President since Woodrow Wilson and that the C. I. A. required "continuity of stability and direction."

Reports were current almost from the Inauguration that his appointment would be for a limited time. From the time of the abortive attempt by Cuban refugees to invade Cuba there had been demands for his ouster and it has been widely regarded as only a matter of time before his replacement.

On April 23 the President appointed Gen. Maxwell D. Taylor, retired, to review United States intelligence, paramilitary and guerrilla warfare capabilities.

Mr. Dulles, a brother of the late Secretary of State John Foster Dulles, is the son of a Presbyterian minister. He was born in Watertown, N. Y., and was graduated from Princeton, from which he received a master's degree.

Comment by Salinger

Special to The New York Times.

HYANNIS PORT, Mass., July 30—Pierre Salinger, the White House press secretary, said tonight in reply to questions about the reported choice of a new C. I. A. director: "I know of no change in Mr. Dulles' status." He declined to comment further.

Cautious on Prediction

HYANNIS PORT, Mass., July 30 (UPI) — Authoritative sources here reported tonight that the selection of Mr. Hamilton at one point had been virtually definite. However, they cautioned against any firm prediction now on the matter.



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**MAY HEAD C. I. A.:
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